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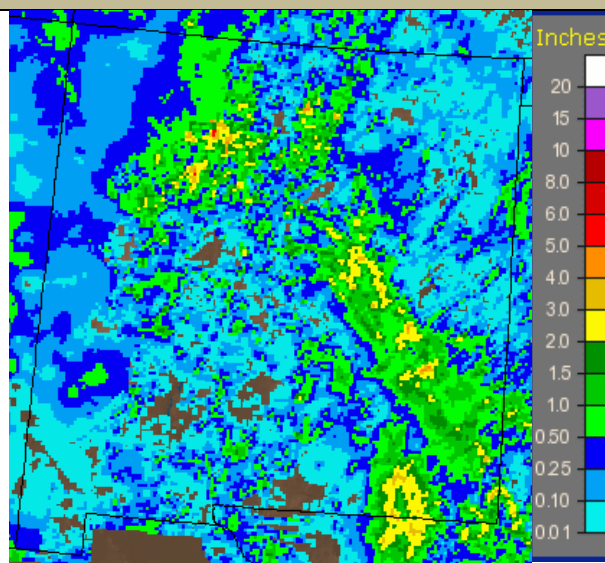
### Crop Weather

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### CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING July 15, 2012

**NEW MEXICO:** Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; third cutting 85% complete; fourth cutting 14% complete. Cotton conditions were mostly fair; 68% squared; 25% setting bolls. Corn conditions were mostly fair; 30% silked; 1% dough. Sorghum conditions were mostly fair; 4% headed. Winter wheat 99% harvested for grain. Peanut conditions were mostly fair; 50% pegging. Chile conditions were mostly good; 49% light pod set, 34% average pod set and 17% heavy pod set. Onion conditions were mostly good; 81% harvested. Apple conditions were fair. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were fair. Sheep conditions were mostly poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for field-work were 6.7. Topsoil moisture was 53% very short, 35% short and 12% adequate. Wind damage was 19% light, 12% moderate and 1% severe; with cotton 65% damaged and sorghum 40% damaged. No hail damage reported.

### Seven Day Observed Precipitation July 15, 2012



**Additional Comments:** **Taos:** The Forest Service has lifted fire restrictions in the County due to the rain showers received. **Colfax:** Most producers are not going to get but one cutting of alfalfa, if that all season. **Curry:** Some areas received light to moderate rains the past few weeks but many areas still have insufficient moisture for improvement in range or crop conditions although livestock conditions have improved in some areas. Some fields did not receive enough rain to plant summer crops. **De Baca:** Temperatures have cooled off a little this week. No measurable rain this week. **Guadalupe:** Temperatures have gone down this week - cloudy conditions - but no precipitation. **Luna/Grant:** There has been some moisture in spotted areas of counties. More moisture is necessary to continue to produce much needed nutrition for livestock. **Eddy:** Eddy County received up to 0.5 - 5" in some parts of the county. Some areas of county not responding to precipitation yet.

### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	3rd Cut	85	60	76	56
Alfalfa	4th Cut	14	-	-	-
Corn	Silked	30	15	40	38
Cotton	Squaring	68	63	77	73
Cotton	Setting Boll	25	20	31	24
Onion	Harvested	81	75	72	86
Peanut	Pegging	50	25	36	48
Sorghum	Headed	4	3	1	3
W Wheat	Grain	99	98	100	99

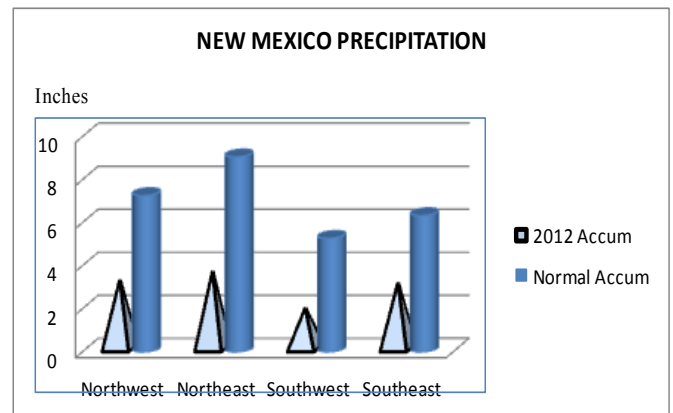
### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	7	32	52	6
Chile	5	16	24	30	25
Corn	4	14	42	35	5
Cotton	5	19	35	23	18
Onion	-	-	12	47	41
Peanut	18	30	50	2	-
Sorghum	38	24	32	6	-
Cattle	16	32	43	9	-
Sheep	28	37	30	5	-

### SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	64	30	6	-
Northeast	58	42	-	-
Southwest	48	18	34	-
Southeast	41	41	18	-
State Current	53	35	12	-
State-Last Week	52	43	5	-
State-Last Year	74	24	2	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	30	33	36	1

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	53	37	9	1	-
Northeast	52	48	-	-	-
Southwest	32	24	28	16	-
Southeast	50	31	19	-	-
State Current	49	36	12	3	-
State-Last Week	45	44	10	1	-
State-Last Year	54	37	10	-	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	19	26	30	23	2



### Weather Summary

Temperatures this week were slightly below normal to about normal statewide. Significant amounts of precipitation fell on Tuesday across southern New Mexico. Rainfall amounts were highest in Tatum with 2.17 inches, Grants with 1.95 inches and Carlsbad with 1.58 inches.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – July 09 – July 15, 2012								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	<u>Week</u> 09 July – 15 July	<u>Month</u> 01 July-15 July	<u>Accum.</u> 01 Jan-15 July	<u>Normal</u> July	<u>Normal</u> Jan-July
<b>Northwest</b>								
Albuquerque	79.1	93	66	0.10	0.86	3.15	1.37	4.42
Chama	62.1	83	42	0.15	1.28	6.23	2.24	11.08
Farmington	74.0	91	59	0.19	0.33	1.18	0.94	4.31
Gallup	71.5	91	52	0.05	0.06	2.04	1.91	6.10
Grants	69.4	87	53	1.95	2.49	3.75	1.76	4.79
Johnson Ranch	68.6	86	51	0.00	0.00	0.47	1.66	5.43
Los Alamos	69.6	85	54	0.45	1.08	3.36	3.25	9.66
Red River	56.8	76	41	0.54	1.31	6.27	3.01	11.93
Santa Fe	73.0	91	57	0.28	0.68	2.19	2.38	7.64
<b>Northeast</b>								
Capulin	69.9	92	52	0.21	1.30	6.73	3.25	10.52
Clayton	75.2	97	58	0.02	0.17	3.23	2.70	9.00
Clovis	77.2	94	64	0.09	0.23	1.61	2.56	9.57
Las Vegas	68.7	87	52	0.55	0.76	3.55	3.20	9.60
Moriarty	70.8	89	53		1.82	4.42	2.38	6.37
Raton	73.8	96	53	0.14	0.54	4.54	2.66	9.82
Roy	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.21	1.91	2.97	9.03
Tucumcari	80.9	100	63	0.02	0.21	2.69	3.30	8.57
<b>Southwest</b>								
Animas	80.1	98	65	0.05	1.32	3.09	2.26	4.74
Deming	79.4	99	64	0.06	0.21	1.09	2.15	4.43
Gran Quivira	71.3	88	55	0.00	0.78	2.30	2.81	7.52
Quemado	69.1	87	52	0.38	1.59	2.93	2.37	6.56
Socorro	79.1	95	64	0.05	0.12	0.88	1.44	3.94
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<b>Southeast</b>								
Alamogordo	79.1	97	62			0.20	2.23	5.51
Carlsbad	80.1	96	67	1.58	2.06	5.45	1.79	5.74
Carrizozo	74.4	91	59	0.12	0.95	1.83	2.05	5.55
Las Cruces	80.9	97	67	0.22	0.78	1.60	1.36	3.63
Roswell	77.7	97	63	0.78	0.80	3.15	1.99	6.74
Ruidoso	64.9	83	48	0.61	1.47	4.54	4.02	10.99
Tatum	76.4	94	65	2.17	2.24	4.56	2.52	8.69